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# TALL SHIP SAMSARA



## News Briefs

### Sunday Market In Gustavia

Strolling along the street in Gustavia, meeting friends, sampling the wares, that is all part of the charm of the outdoor market that takes place the first Sunday of every month, including March 3 from 8am-12 noon.



Organized by the Collectivité on Rue Général-de-Gaulle, the cobblestone road from Le Select toward Les Artisans, the market was an immediate success with the local population as well as tourists as soon as it was launched last April. A variety of shop owners and artisans have stands, and the long line of cars into town proves the success of this monthly event (it's better to park on the edge of town and walk to the market).

What can one find here? Generally speaking, some of the most popular stands are those that sell food, from the bakeries' fresh bread, brioche, and pastry to West Indian cuisine such as Alice's Tasties vegan specialties. In addition, one can find clothing, local jewelers, imported fruit and vegetables, artisanal products such as soap, art, hand-turned wooden objects using local wood, and rum...

### Mardi Gras On March 5



Tuesday, March 5 is Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), which means there will be a big Carnival parade in the streets of Gustavia as of 3pm, and lasting well into the evening. Those marching in the parade will meet on the parking lot at the commercial dock in Public at 2pm. As of 1pm, all roads into town will be closed, from both Lurin and Public. The Collectivité suggests parking on the big lot in St Jean and taking a shuttle into town. If you drive into town earlier than 1pm, it might be a good idea to park on the upper road on the way out of town, to be able to leave before the festivities finish.



## Nautical Season Has Arrived

The article in this issue of The Weekly about Samsara, a classic 1924 'tall ship' lovingly looked after by its live-aboard family, reminded me that we are about to enter the nautical season in St Barth.

First up is The Bucket, March 21-24, an invitational regatta for sailboats over 100' in length, an event that attracts some pretty incredible yachts. Not all built for racing, it is spectacular to see them sailing around the island, spinnakers unfurled in the wind, masts reaching toward the sky, as their hulls cut through the waves.

Next comes Les Voiles de St Barth, April 14-20, a regatta for boats of all sizes, including local entries as well as serious racing boats and multi-hulls. Celebrating its 10th anniversary, this regatta is sponsored by Richard Mille, with the winner in the Maxi class taking home a fabulous watch.

After the excitement of the two "big" regattas, things quiet down a notch for The West Indies Regatta, which is more close to the old-timey spirit of Saint Barth. Setting sail this year April 26-28, The West Indies features small wooden sailing boats, like the ones that once carried merchandise and people from island to island, aboard schooners and sloops. Very charming!

If you are on the island, there are great events to anticipate. If you are thinking of coming, there's no better time. Meanwhile, getting ready for Mardi Gras next Tuesday, Samsara invites you and your kids to don pirate costumes and go for a sail on Sunday, March 3... so why not visit the monthly market in Gustavia in the morning and sail on Samara in the afternoon for a lovely day in Saint Barth!

*Ellen Lampert-Gréaux*

## Victoria Restaurant Open



Eighteen months after hurricane Irma, Victoria (in the waterfront spot occupied by La Route des Boucaniers) opened its doors on Tuesday, February 19, with its great view of the Port of Gustavia. Chef Yiannis Kioroglou is in charge of the kitchen. Victoria Saint Barth is the Caribbean version of Victoria Paris, a private mansion in the 16th arrondissement converted into a luxury restaurant.

## Tradewind Flying High

Tradewind Aviation has been flying high during the winter of 2018-2019, and continues to enjoy a good

season. They augmented the number of planes serving the Caribbean by 30%, with 10 Pilatus PC-12 passenger planes dedicated to the region. “We are pleased to see renewed excitement for travel in the Caribbean following the 2017 hurricane season,” declares David Zipkin, co-founder and vice-president of Tradewind Aviation, in a news release. Interline agreements with United Airlines and British Airways signed in 2017 offer Tradewind’s customers added convenience when traveling between carriers via a single reservation to destinations including St. Barth, Anguilla, Antigua, and Nevis. Tradewind serves these islands from Puerto Rico, Saint Thomas, and Antigua.

## New Flights Between USA And Juliana Airport

Last week, Jet Blue inaugurated a new route from Princess Juliana Airport in Sint Maarten to Fort Lauderdale, FL—an airport located less than an hour from Miami. This daily flight is a welcome addition in air service to Sint Martin. Jet Blue also added Mint Service in February on select flights from Boston and New York.

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# There Once Was A Boat...

**Samsara, a wooden sailboat built in 1924, is currently anchored in Saint Barthélemy. To keep this historic vessel in tip-top shape, its owners created an association and offer sailing excursions.**



**A**udrey, Thomas, Maya, and Titouan: A small family that has opted to live a challenging lifestyle. For the past three years, they have lived aboard Samsara, a 95-year old sailboat, and are determined to maintain this historic vessel.

Samsara was originally called Argus when it was launched in Denmark in 1924. The same year that saw the death of Lenin, Adolf Hitler wrote Mein Kampf, and James Baldwin, Marlon Brando, and Lauren Bacall were born. At this time, in the North Sea, Argus, a Hajkutter (gaff ketch), was a fishing boat, with the number S421 on the mainsail, with the S indicating its homeport of Skagen. There were a thousand boats like this, used

by Scandinavian fishermen with large nets to bring in the catch of the day. The fish were still alive when brought to the market to be sold: the fishermen filled the hold with seawater to conserve the fish until the boat returned to port.

During WWII, Denmark, a neutral country that was occupied, sold their fish to the Germans. After 1950, Argus changed own-

ers several times, continuing to be owned by professional fishermen. In 1963, the sailboat was severely damaged in an accident at sea, and sadly abandoned to deteriorate. A Dutch carpenter fell under the spell of this old 'tall ship' and decided to restore it. The project took over 15 years, as this artisan made it a point of honor to only use traditional boat-building techniques.

## MASTHEAD

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**“We have gone beyond our dreams...”**

Renamed Monika, the boat was sold again, and finishing touches were completed for the interiors. Another name change: the boat became Samsara in 1995. With another new owner, an Englishman who missed the sun and decided to cross the Atlantic, bringing the boat to the West Indies. And more incredible adventures began... In 2016, a young couple arrived in Martinique with their daughter, Maya, who wasn't yet one year old. Thomas and Audrey had but one dream: to live aboard a sailboat and navigate the seas. “We went way beyond our dreams,” smiles Thomas in the light of the setting sun, on the deck of his magnificent classic with its two wooden masts. They found a rare opportunity to make their dream come

true. “Why make it simple when you can make it complicated...”

In the meantime, a second child, Titouan, joined the merry band. And the four voyagers are determined to maintain this beautiful old boat made of oak, ash, and larch. All boat owners know that the time and money required for this passion can be endless. So with all this wood requiring constant attention, a total weight of 35 tons, a length of 21 meters, width of 4.5 meters, and six sails... Every year, during hurricane season, they head to the southern Caribbean to avoid taking a risk. “The boat is not that hard to handle after all. When you pull on a rope, you can easily see what it controls,” says Thomas. “It’s very instinctive.”

The couple created an association

to cover the maintenance coats of their boat, and go sailing with tourists and locals. Some go out for a full day, with lessons on how to use all the different sails; others for just a few hours, perhaps in the late afternoon for a drink at sunset. The boat also serves as a backdrop for photo shoots, private parties, or rum tastings. Anything is imaginable on the large deck that can handle up to 30 passengers. And the prices remain reasonable, especially for St Barthélemy. “It’s not easy to maintain such a boat on a daily basis,” say the owners. “We want to keep it in good shape, so that Samara—and its history—continue to sail the seas.”

*Additional information online at [www.samsara1924.com](http://www.samsara1924.com) and on “Samsara 1924” Facebook page*



**Dasha Villa**  
Lurin, St Barth  
3 bedrooms

**RENTAL:** Villa Dasha is a 3-bedroom, 3-bath contemporary-style residence located at the top of Gouverneur. Dasha is only a few minutes from Gouverneur Beach, restaurants, shops, and Gustavia. The villa has a large living room, equipped with home cinema, large white sofas, and a gourmet kitchen. Each bedroom offers views of the ocean, and is furnished with a queen-size bed, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, TV, US satellite, DVD, bathroom with shower.

*For additional information contact your rental agency.*

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# It's Time For Carnival

Get ready! It's time for Saint Barth's big Mardi Gras parade on Tuesday, March 5, with pre- and post-Carnival parades in the streets of Gustavia:

## Monday March 4

La Pointe en Mouvement and The Youngz parade in Pajamas through the streets of Gustavia

## Tuesday March 4

Access roads into Gustavia closed as of 1pm

**Mardi Gras parade starts at 3:00pm**

- **Free shuttle bus service** from 1pm-9pm from the two parking lots in Saint Jean (across from the airport and near Tom Beach Hotel). Passengers will be dropped off at the ferry terminal until the parade starts; after 2:30pm the bus stops in Public.

## Wednesday March 5

After an evening parade through town, Vaval will be burned in effigy on Shell Beach to the sounds of tambours from La Pointe en Mouvement and The Youngz.

# TIME OUT

Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit? Listen to live music? Time Out keeps you up to date on local happenings. Let's party !

## Live Music

### Every Day

- Diner Cabaret with show girls Show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth (Closed on Sunday & Monday)  
- DJ Sebastien Roche @ Bonito St Barth.

### Thursday February 28

- Enjoy Sunset Lounge from 5pm. DJ Set, Cocktails and Tapas around pool @ Christopher Hotel  
- Music by Laurent Perrier at lunch Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach - Baga Boom! Forever Young, by Fabien Lanciano, © Bagatelle  
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy, Grand Cul de Sac

### Friday March 1st

- Music by Laurent Perrier at lunch Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach  
- Ladies Night with Champagne for her. from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle  
- Thanks God it's Friday ! Live Music with Don Soley for dinner @ Pearl Beach  
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy  
- **Saturday March 2**  
- Bikini Day, Music by Gabin Nogueira, fashion show by Pop St Barth, @ Pearl Beach, St Jean  
- Live Music with Don Soley @Baz Bar, Gustavia  
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy,  
- **Sunday March 3**

### Tuesday March 5

- Music by Gabin Nogueira for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach  
- **Wednesday March 6**  
- Music by by Jérôme Barthélémy for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach

## Fashion Show

- **Daily Fashion Shows**  
- Fashion Show every lunch @ Pearl Beach  
- Fashion Show every night @ Ti St Barth  
- Fashion Show every lunch @ Nikki Beach  
- Fashion Show every lunch from 1pm @ Le Barthelemy

## Night Club

@ Mojo St-Jean  
@ Casa Night Club  
@ Tavern TiBar, Ti St Barth

## Exhibitions

Through March 23.  
A retrospective of work by Kay Quattrocchi "Between Art And Science"

- Group exhibition including works by Hunt Slonem, Marco Glaviano, Arno Elias, Philip Colbert and Jean-Philippe Piter. @ Space SBH  
- David Kracov, Natan Elkanovich, Yoel Benharrouche, Calman Shemi, Dorit Levinstein, @Eden Fine Art Gallery, Gustavia  
- Bronze Sculptures @ The Collectivity  
- Alain Le Chatelier, Les Artisans, Gustavia  
- **Artist's Collection**  
- Pompei, Petit Cul de Sac  
- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac  
- Mitchell Summer, Toiny  
- Kay Quattrocchi, Salines

## Monthly Market In Gustavia

Rue Général-de-Gaulle (the cobblestone road from Le Select toward Les Artisans). open from 8am to 12pm.

- Amazing day "God Save the Queen" DJ Set by Patris Gero, Philippe Paris, with Fashion Show Nikki Beach Lifestyle @ Nikki Beach  
- Music by Gabin Nogueira, at lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach  
- Live Music with Don Soley, from 8pm ; Mixologist show, DJ music until 1pm. Flair bartending @ Ociela  
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy,  
- **Monday March 4**  
- Wine tasting from 6.30pm @ Le Barthelemy  
- Sunset Lounge with Don Soley, from 5pm and Fashion show @ Christopher  
- Music by Gabin Nogueira for lunch Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach



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Villa - Grand Fond : Charming villa with private pool, in the peaceful Grand Fond area. 2 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, well equipped kitchen, living room, parking, terrace. 1 790 000€  
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Villa - Petit cul de Sac : On a 6000+ m2 property, with a beautiful view on Petit Cul de Sac bay, into a private residence. Possible extension of the actual 3 bedrooms villa. US\$ 4 800 000  
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For sale, this stylish contemporary three bedroom villa located

in Toiny is an ideal tropical getaway and would have great appeal for those who look to relax – and to entertain. The villa’s location offers some nice options for surfing as well as for walking or jogging from Toiny to Grand Fond, including to Hotel Le Toiny and its acclaimed restaurant. Price : 2 200 000 €  
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Villa in Flamands, in perfect condition, three bedrooms, three bathrooms, terrace, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, ocean view, parking spaces, and garage. 3,200,000 €  
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For sale, this privately ensconced two bedroom villa, located in

dramatic Toiny hillside, leverages its location and captures the gentle trade winds, the sounds of the surf and a gorgeous seascape. The owners will enjoy watching surfers in the distance, trying to capture that perfect wave. The pool terrace offers ample space for sunning, relaxing in the shade, and al fresco dining. Price : 2 500 000 €  
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## Land

For sale, this plot of land of 1311 m² is located in Petit Cul-de-Sac within a buildable zone. It does not have a sea view but enjoys being walking distance to the beach. Come build your dream villa today!!! Price : 1 376 550 €  
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**STIVEL:** Well-located in Marigot, this charming two bedroom villa with pool and seaview is nicely private. Both bedrooms have en suite bathrooms and private terrace. Set on a 3.055m² land, its future owners have many possibilities to expand or transform into the home of their dreams. **4 000 000€**



**A BIENTÔT:** Privately ensconced in the craggy Toiny hillside, the 2 bedroom villa À Bientôt captures the gentle trade winds, the sound of the surf and a gorgeous seascape. All on one level and nicely furnished, its en suite bedrooms enjoy lovely water views. **2 500 000€**



**Villa AOM - 5 Bedrooms - Mont Jean**

**9,900,000 €**

Contemporary 5 bedroom villa on large lot. Stunning views of Tortue Island and Marigot Bay, in the luxury private gated community of Mont Jean.



**Villa IMA - 3 Bedrooms - Flamands**

**2,950,000 €**

Villa in Flamands, perfect condition, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, pool, Jacuzzi, ocean view, parking and garage.



**Property CHA - Lurin**

**5,475,000 €**

2990m<sup>2</sup> of buildable land with 180° panoramic views of Saline and St Jean Bay. Renovate or rebuild. Lot division possible to allow two new villas.



**Villa AND - 4 Bedrooms - St. Jean**

**3,300,000 €**

This lovely villa situated in the hills of St Jean is a rare find. Quick 1 minute drive to St Jean Beach and 5 minutes' drive to Gustavia.



**Villa ETY - 5 Bedrooms - Flamands**

**7,500,000 €**

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